

## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE STATE CONVENTION

April 25 - 26, 2014 Lakewood, CO

### "ROOTS to WINGS: GROW the FUTURE"



#### Highlights:

- Katherine Yelle will explain the "Intro to Narrative Story".
- Association Membership V.P. Christy Jones will update us on National events and action items.
- Lakewood Branch's Susie Van Scoyk will share her experience after she was chosen as an Eleanor Roosevelt Fellowship participant in 1994.
- Susan Marie Frontczak will perform "Manya", A Visit With Madame Curie.
- Friday night, the Lakewood Cultural Center is featuring Jason Marsalis.

**Look for the registration form with more details  
about our exciting, upcoming convention!  
We'll see you in Lakewood!**

#### Locations:

Lakewood Heritage Center and Schoolhouse, 801 S. Yarrow St., Lakewood, 80226  
Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood, 80226

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# AAUW 2014 STATE CONVENTION

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **FRIDAY**

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**State Executive Board meeting**  
Schoolhouse, Heritage Center

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Registration** – Heritage Center

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Reception** with C/U Reps – Schoolhouse, Heritage Center

7:30 p.m.

**Marsalis concert** – Lakewood Cultural Center

### **SATURDAY**

All meetings will be at the Lakewood Cultural Center

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Registration**

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**State Board Meeting** for officers and committee chairs

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Welcome**

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Keynote** - Intro to Narrative Story - Katherine Yelle

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Break**

11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**National LOL AAUW Update**  
Christy Jones, AAUW Membership V.P.

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

**Lunch/Awards**

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

**Public Policy Announcements**

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

**Business Meeting**

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Break**

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Susie Van Scoyk** – Her Story

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Manya**: A Visit With Madame Curie

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Closing**

# State Convention Speakers

## Saturday, April 26, 2014

**Katherine Yelle** is the state organizer for AAUW of Colorado. Katherine has undergraduate degrees in philosophy and women's studies from Northern Arizona University. She began her assignment to Colorado in August. Katherine has been working to strengthen AAUW of Colorado's relationships with our C/U partners, as well as build new partnerships. Katherine is married and has two children: Evert, age 8, and Lucas, age 6.



**Christy Jones**, Vice President, Membership and Branch Relations for AAUW in Washington, D.C., has spent the last 20 years working in the association community, developing a wealth of experience encompassing the membership, marketing/communications, and program fields of association management. Prior to joining AAUW, Christy served as acting vice president, membership and client services, for the American Society of Training & Development (ASTD), and as director-Americas for the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA).



Christy has been responsible for developing and implementing strategies that enhance the level of programs, services, and engagement between associations and their members, prospects, and chapters for both U.S. and international markets. She recently served on a Board task force updating AAUW's Strategic Plan.

**Susie Van Scoyk** has been a Lakewood AAUW member from the 1970's. In 1988-1990 she served as president of the Branch and also held the State AAUW Educational Foundation Chair. With 3 young children, Susie knew she needed to go back to work and in 1994 received an Eleanor Roosevelt Fellowship from AAUW to study Gender Equity in the schools. She was recognized locally and nationally and became an administrator in Jeffco Schools. She was the principal at Mandalay Middle School and Patterson Elementary school, until she recently became Principal of the Alameda International High School in Lakewood. She is an expert at turning around low-performing schools and having them show improvement in performance. We are so honored to have her tell us "Her Story".



**Susan Marie Frontczak** presents: MANYA: A Visit with Madame Curie. Marie Curie is best known for the discovery of radioactivity and radium, and the first treatments for cancer, but few understand the obstacles she faced just to get into the laboratory. These ranged from the political oppression of her childhood to scientific emergence and fame. Many's story reveals a compelling journey. This one-hour program includes an in-character monologue, Q&A with Marie Curie, and Q&A with the presenter. While this program is set in 1915, AAUW has a special connection to Marie Curie a few years later in her life. In preparation for Curie's visit to the United States in 1921, the AAUW helped to raise donations for a gift to Curie of one gram of radium.



**REGISTRATION FOR AAUW-COLORADO STATE CONVENTION 2014  
April 25 – 26, 2014**

**Hotel Information:**

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT: Denver Southwest/Lakewood  
7050 West Hampden Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80227  
Phone: 303-985-9696 Fax: 303-985-9364  
[www.marriottlakewoodhotels.com](http://www.marriottlakewoodhotels.com)

Reservations must be made **INDIVIDUALLY** with the Marriott as soon as possible to reserve \$79.00 for a King-size bed and \$89.00 for two queen beds at the AAUW group rate. Taxes and other fees are not included in the base rate. Breakfast is **NOT** included; restaurant is open at 6:00 a.m. The deadline to receive this special offer is **April 10, 2014**. AAUW will not guarantee reservations after that date.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Please check: NAT \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Branch (which one) \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first CO State Convention? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your present AAUW office (if any):

National \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any special accommodations, dietary restrictions, or assistance needed. \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Registration Fee (before April 10)</b>	\$50 _____
<b>Registration Fee (after April 10)</b>	\$60 _____
<b>Non-AAUW Member</b>	\$60 _____

**Friday Reception** - Schoolhouse (heavy hors d'oeuvres) \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner on your own in the Belmar neighborhood.

**Saturday Lunch:** \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian  
Includes Water, Coffee and Tea, Dessert, Morning and Afternoon Break Snacks

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make checks payable to AAUW-Colorado and mail by April 10, 2014 to:  
Convention Registrar:**

Bev Dare  
12846 W. Iliff Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80228  
**Absolutely NO REFUNDS After April 20**

## AAUW Colorado 2014 Proposed Bylaws and Operating Policies Amendments

The AAUW Colorado Bylaws Committee recommends the following proposed amendments to the AAUW Colorado State Bylaws which will be voted on at the state convention (Business Meeting) in Lakewood, April 26, 2014.

Each recommendation has proposed additions in CAPITAL LETTERS and proposed deletions ~~struck out~~, and rationale for each change in brackets.

RATIONALE in General: Most of the proposed changes are proposed to reflect how the State committees are operating today. Questions pertaining to the specific rationale of any change may be directed to Lois Florkey or Brenda Wolfe.

### AAUW COLORADO BYLAWS

#### ARTICLE XII. COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

**Section 1. Standing Committees.** There shall be standing committees on the work of bylaws, ~~college/university relations~~, finance, public policy program, membership, AND program development and ~~lobby corp~~. In addition, there shall be standing committees on AAUW Funds, ~~public information~~ COMMUNICATION, and such others as the board of directors shall deem necessary.

[The college/university relations is currently part of the membership committee and the lobby corp functions under the Public Policy committee as documented in that committee's operating policies. The Communications committee combines several job chairs into one committee to streamline our media outreach.]

**Section 3. Meetings and Quorum.** The board of directors shall meet at least twice a year. Special meetings may be called by the president or upon written request of five members, provided at least five days' notice of such meeting is given. A quorum shall consist of ~~twenty (20) members~~ A MAJORITY of the board of directors.

[With the changes made in the past two years to allow the President more flexibility of the State Board composition, it may be difficult to reach a quorum if it is based on a specific number. A Majority of the Board follows that flexibility.]

The following are proposed amendments to the AAUW Colorado State Operating Policies which will be voted on at the board of directors meeting at the state convention in Lakewood, April 26, 2014.

Each recommendation has proposed additions in CAPITAL LETTERS, proposed deletions ~~struck out~~, and rationale for each change in brackets.

### AAUW COLORADO OPERATING POLICIES

~~10. Lobby corps committee members shall be the lobby corps director(s) and other members of the lobby corps.~~  
(Re-number)

8. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHALL BE THE BULLETIN EDITOR, THE WEBSITE EDITOR, THE SOCIAL MEDIA FACILATOR, AND SUCH OTHERS AS THE PRESIDENT MAY APPOINT.  
[See Rationale for 5,8 and 10 under the Bylaws rationale above].

~~3. When feasible, every committee shall include at least one member from each district.~~

[This is clean-up, as we no longer have districts]

~~5. College/university relations committee members shall be the college-university representative from each college/university member.~~

#### H. AAUW MEETING.

3. The president or authorized representative will attend the AAUW ~~conference of state presidents~~ MEETINGS with expenses paid to include transportation and hotel or as directed by the AAUW.

[AAUW in this context refers to National meetings. The conference of state presidents no longer exists – so this change gives flexibility for national meetings]

## SLATE OF OFFICERS

### THE SLATE OF OFFICER NOMINATIONS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE AAUW CO NOMINATING COMMITTEE, 2014

Membership, Co – Vice Presidents: (Both seeking a second term)

**Stormy McDonald** – Lakewood Branch

**Danielle Norris** – CO e-Network Branch

AAUW Funds Director: **Jeane Lindeke** – Boulder Branch

Public Policy Co-Director: To Be Announced Electronically Separately

NOTE: Voting for the Slate of Officers will take place

at the AAUW Colorado Convention in Lakewood, CO on Saturday, April 26, 2014.





# from the president. . .

We are fortunate to be members of an organization that has been a part of our society since 1881. It has not been without dedication and hard work to put the mission to the forefront. As members of AAUW we advance the mission in every branch and with every member and then work to see that our future young women continue to advance equity for women and girls. That means taking responsibility to make it happen through volunteering monetarily and with participation at branch and state levels. As I travel throughout the state (have not made it to all the branches yet) it is evident that our members are strong supporters of the mission. They participate in branch and community programs that further the mission. They make strong friendships and support each other on all levels. We are a national organization, not a local group. We are recognized and revered for all that we have accomplished since our inception. Without member support, there would be no fellowships awarded, research completed, and advocacy programs. Branches are critical to national and national supports what branches and states are doing. Getting responses from national via the website, conference calls, and emails makes us recognize that we are part of a larger entity. If you have not visited the national and state websites lately, I urge you to spend a few minutes looking at all the information that is available.



There are many exciting events coming up in the near future. We celebrate **International Womens Day** in March and many communities have programs promoting women. There is a **State Convention** in April with exciting programs and a national leader in attendance. In June we will participate in the **Regional Convention** in Reno, Nevada. We hope to be well represented at both of those events. Consider planning a vacation around these activities. Colorado will be recognizing outstanding members and programs at these events. The **Legacy Award** will be presented at the Reno convention to a Colorado member who has demonstrated a commitment to AAUW. The **Judith Sanderson Award**, presented at the state convention, will go to a young member who has been actively involved in Colorado AAUW. If you would like to nominate a member for either award, check the CO website (<http://aauw-co.aauw.net>) for the application and include a letter of recommendation sent to me.

As my term as state president nears an end on June 30, I want to thank everyone for their support and encouragement. The past two years have provided me with the opportunity to meet many women, make new friends and learn so much about AAUW. There is still a lot to do before the end of June – two conventions, branches to visit, several coalition meetings and materials to go through before passing the gavel to **Marilyn Zimmerman**. I know she will do an outstanding job as the next Colorado state president. My goals for the organization, **“Connecting and Partnering/Accomplishing More”** need to continue into future years as there is strength in numbers. It is my belief that more people know about our organization because our members have taken the time to investigate and support other organizations that have made women and girls issues a priority.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next convention.

*Diane Norten*

Diane Norten  
President



## Congratulations, Colorado e-Network!

A portion of the **Eugenia McClure Grant** was awarded to the Colorado e-network in January. The e-network will use funds to purchase a computer program that will enable them to reach a wide audience with virtual programing.

All Colorado members will be invited to share in their programs.

The grant is available twice yearly, August 1 and January 1. The purpose of the grant is to support Colorado branches for projects that will enhance the mission of AAUW. Application forms are on the website.



*Plan Ahead!*

**The 2014  
Fall Leadership Conference will  
be September 5-6 at the  
Lion Square Lodge  
in beautiful Vail, Colorado**



# AAUW Colorado Volunteer Lobby Corps Update

Amy Blackwell, Lobby Corps Coordinator

Updated 3/4/2014, these are the 2014 Colorado bills upon which AAUW Colorado has taken a stance. Additional AAUW-relevant bills could be introduced, and amendments to the bills below could entail AAUW Colorado stance changes. For full bill information, please visit <http://www.leg.state.co.us>.

## **Actively Support (lobby corps + grassroots member mobilization)**

- HB14-1085 (Adult Education And Literacy Programs)
- HB14-1154 (Employment Of Community College Faculty)
- SB14-001 (College Affordability Act)
- SB14-005 (Wage Protection Act)

## **Actively Oppose (lobby corps + grassroots member mobilization)**

- HB14-1049 (Offenses Against Unborn Children): postponed indefinitely by House Judiciary Committee
- HB14-1133 (Protect Human Life At Conception)
- SB14-074 (Repeal Damages State Empl Discrimination Claims): postponed indefinitely by Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee

## **Support (grassroots member mobilization)**

- HB14-1017 (Expand Availability of Affordable Housing)
- HB14-1045 (Breast & Cervical Cancer Treatment)
- HB14-1072 (Income Tax Credit For Child Care Expenses)
- HB14-1124 (In-state Tuition American Indians Tribes Tie To CO)
- HB14-1131 (Cyber Bullying)
- HB14-1273 (Human Trafficking)
- SB14-019 (Status of Taxpayers Who May File Joint Returns): signed into law by the governor
- SB14-059 (Statute Of Limitations Crime Related To Sex Crimes)
- SB14-087 (Identification Cards Issuance Standards)

## **Oppose (grassroots member mobilization)**

- HB14-1043 (Create Voter Outreach Through Enfranchisement Act): postponed indefinitely at request of bill sponsor by House State, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee
- HB14-1120 (Tax Increase Approval By 2014 For School Finance): postponed indefinitely by House Education Committee
- HB14-1128 (Reduce Voter Identity Theft): postponed indefinitely by House State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee
- SB14-033 (Tax Credits For Nonpublic Education): postponed indefinitely by Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee

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- SB14-071 (Mail Ballot Opt Out): postponed indefinitely by Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee
- SB14-079 (Challenges To Ballot Cast By Mail): postponed indefinitely by Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee

**Watch (no action unless AAUW Colorado changes its stance)**

- HB14-1162 (Protect Rape Victim Where Child Conceived)
- SB14-003 (Colorado Child Care Assistance Program)

## **AAUW Colorado Volunteer Lobby Corps**

**Renee Forsythe, Elaine Gardner, Danielle Norris, Connie Paeglow, Lindy Reed & Amy Blackwell (coordinator)**



### **WEB SURFING TO ADVANCE EQUITY FOR WOMEN & GIRLS!**

**Amy Blackwell, Website Co-Admin & Facebook Admin**

AAUW Colorado Website <http://aauw-co.aauw.net/>: Look for the video of our Public Policy Day equal pay virtual rally (also posted on our YouTube channel) on the Advocacy page of our website! On that page you'll also find tools for raising your powerful advocacy voice and the latest status of 2014 Colorado bills upon which AAUW Colorado has taken a stance. On the home page, find dates and links for upcoming events. And much, much more awaits you on all the pages of this site!

**Facebook:** As of 3/5/2014 we have 864 page fans! Let's take our Facebook presence to the next level with good engagement. I need those of you who are already Facebook users to

- like the AAUW Colorado page;
- click Follow on the page (near the Like button) so that the page's posts will show up in your news feed; and
- like, share, and comment on page posts.

**Twitter:** As of 3/5/2014 we have 59 followers – a great adoption rate for this new social media channel administered by AAUW State Organizer Katherine Yelle, an AAUW staffer working in Colorado, Nevada, and Tennessee. If you are already on Twitter, we'd love for you to:

- follow @AAUWCO,
- retweet our tweets, and
- favorite those tweets that really resonate with you.



# 2014 Colorado Public Policy Day Focuses on Legislative Issues

by Kate Kimbro

"Influencing Lives, Impacting the Future", themed February's **51st annual AAUW State of Colorado Public Policy Day**. State President, Diane Norten, opened the meeting warmly welcoming statewide members. The event's Co-Directors were Diane Fuchs and Barb McDaniel. Barb McDaniel, from Littleton-South Metro Branch, stated, "This is a day for branch members to become apprised of legislators and legislative issues of import to women's concerns such as education, fair pay, voting, harassment, STEM, and community advocacy." Amy Blackwell, an AAUW National Director and Colorado's Lobby Corps Coordinator, reviewed several crucial bills and amendments stating, "We have participated for over 50 years staying current on legislative issues and representation."

Highlighting this event were speakers **Rebecca Love Kourlis** and **Claudia Folska**.

Stanford grad **Rebecca Love Kourlis** has practiced Law for many years. Presently, she is Executive Director of IAALS -an initiative of University of Denver, "To educate and better prepare today's lawyers for the ethics and needs of a swiftly changing future," she stated. Her focus aims for more speedy and inexpensive solutions for civil procedures to include researching quality judicial selections and procedures, and how to provide less adversity in honoring families and children. "We wish to create a family relationship center arrangement and implement pilot programs," she stated. The audience replied an enthusiastic, "Yes!" when she asked if we became perplexed at voting times regarding which judges to re-elect. She stated, "There is a website: [www.knowyourjudge.com](http://www.knowyourjudge.com), which provides judicial performance and evaluations for an informed voting choice."

Speaker **Claudia Folska**, Jt. PhD., opened her talk inducing laughter: "Although I cannot see (she is legally blind) I have made a power point presentation for you." Folska is the author of several books, including, *Feet on the Street: Making Cents of Pedestrian Oriented Developments*. As the first blind woman to hold elective office in Colorado for the Regional Transportation District (RTD), she explained difficulties the disabled face. She stated that being on the RTD Board helps her encourage public participation in the political process: "I am a member of the public and a person with a disability." Focusing on how the blind navigate in built environments, Folska blindfolded a sighted friend and led him through her daily transit routine. "The RTD is quiet; how do I navigate when I cannot see the train coming; can I hear a train's approach; is the sidewalk level; is there room for handrails, canes, wheelchairs?" Her now blindfolded friend learned navigating ramps is disorienting; he felt his other senses kicked in and he "heard" everything better, learning first-hand the challenges of designing space for the disabled. Folska stressed the need for the audible to the train's approach. Her supportive neighbors got to choose the "Ding" tone at her RTD stop. Folska earned a dual degree from the College of Architecture and Planning at CU Denver and the Institute of Cognitive Science at CU Boulder. Since the American Disability Act states the rights to equal access to education, employment, transport, housing, she supports a Call to Action through mentoring and informing college students' awareness of on-going challenges and still-needed solutions for the disabled.

The afternoon highlight presented by AAUW Lobby Corps Coordinator, **Amy Blackwell**, encouraged a Call to Action and a You-Tube video asking all to contact Representatives and the White House regarding the Fair Pay Act. This includes crucial statistics of which some may be unaware. The Act informs us of the following:



*Advocating for Fair Pay!*

- **The pay gap hasn't budged in a decade.**  
In 2012, as in 2002, among full-time, year-round workers, women were paid 77 percent of what men were paid.
- **Women in every state experience the pay gap, but some states are worse than others.**  
The best place in the United States for pay equity is Washington, D.C., where women were paid 90 percent of what men were paid in 2012. At the other end of the spectrum is Wyoming, the worst state in the country for pay equity, where women were paid just 64 percent of what men were paid.
- **The pay gap is worse for women of color.**  
Compared with non-Hispanic white men, Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian women were paid 66 percent, African-American women were paid 64 percent, American Indian/Alaska Native women were paid 60 percent, and Hispanic women were paid just 53 percent.
- **Women face a pay gap in nearly every occupation.**  
From elementary and middle school teachers to computer programmers, women are paid less than men in female-dominated, gender-balanced, and male-dominated occupations.
- **The pay gap grows with age.**  
Among younger workers, women are paid about 90 percent of what men are paid. From around age 35 through retirement, women are typically paid 75–80 percent of what men are paid.
- **While more education is an effective tool for increasing earnings, it is not an effective tool against the gender pay gap.**  
At every level of academic achievement, women's median earnings are less than men's earnings, and in some cases, the gender pay gap is larger at higher levels of education.
- **The pay gap also exists among women without children.**  
AAUW's Graduating to a Pay Gap found that among full-time workers one year after college graduation — nearly all of whom were childless — women were paid just 82 percent of what their male counterparts were paid (source: [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)).

## COALITION CORNER- THE WOMEN'S LOBBY OF COLORADO



The Women's Lobby of Colorado seeks to provide better opportunities for women in our state by ensuring that public policies reflect gender equity and justice. By consistently maintaining a daily lobbying presence at Colorado's Capitol, our all volunteer organization has kept the needs of women front and center in our state's public policy debates for more than a decade. The circumstances and conditions for all women in Colorado are greatly improved

through active participation and well-informed representation at the State Capitol. We seek to provide better opportunities for women in our state by ensuring that public policies reflect gender equity and justice.

Before we speak, we listen. We bring together people and organizations working on issues related to gender. From there, we identify where support is needed and what remains to be addressed politically. Our legislative efforts are based on what women from all walks of life define as critical.

### WHAT'S IN YOUR PROFILE AT AAUW?

As a member of AAUW, you have access to the Member Service Database (MSD). When you log on to the AAUW MSD site, you can update your member record and contact information, make contributions, track your membership and even look at your branch member roster.



Your PROFILE is important because the information is used for emailing, ballots, the Outlook magazine and other information. You can also call national at 800/326-2289, ask for Membership and talk with a representative about your Profile. Your AAUW Member ID is needed to log in to many areas of the website. If you do not remember your ID, you call call national, look at a copy of AAUW Outlook or click on Forgot AAUW ID and a message with your ID number will be sent to you. If it is the first time you have logged in to the AAUW site, you will need to Register. Click on that and follow the directions to create a personal password.

It is important to check to see if your MSD information is correct.

## Calling All Bookworms

Do you have a great book you would like to suggest for the 2014–15 ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club? Share your recommendation online by May 15, 2014. If your book is selected, you and your branch will be recognized and sent a special gift.



AAUW members share a love of reading, and this love, partnered with a desire to seek out books written from diverse perspectives, launched AAUW's ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club in 1996. Since then, AAUW members have enjoyed exploring new ideas and perspectives through monthly discussions, both in person and virtually. ¡Adelante! groups meet in book stores, libraries, and other public venues, and also meet online, gathering both members and nonmembers to discuss issues of social justice based on the month's book selection. This is a great way to recruit new members interested in diverse issues.

### MAKE A LIFETIME GIFT TO AAUW

Have you considered making a legacy gift to AAUW? Your gift will help the work of AAUW continue into the future. By providing for AAUW in your estate plans, you can become a part of the distinguished AAUW Legacy Circle.

The simplest form of a legacy gift is a bequest, or a gift left to a charity in your will. Bequests often can allow donors to make a sizable gift to a charity that may not have been possible during their lifetime. In a simple bequest, the donor gives a stated amount to a nonprofit group without attaching any conditions. Bequest language usually reads:

"After fulfilling all other provisions, I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to AAUW (Federal Tax ID #52-6037388), a charitable organization duly existing under the laws of the District of Columbia and located at 1111 Sixteenth St. NW, Washington, DC, 20036, \_\_\_\_\_percent of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate (or \$\_\_\_\_\_ if a specific amount) to be used in the areas of greatest need as the board of directors may determine."

You can also name AAUW as the beneficiary of your life insurance, bank account, stock account, or retirement plan. In addition to bequests, charitable gift annuities are available that can provide you with income during your lifetime.

For more information, call Catherine Heffernan at the AAUW Planned Giving Office at 877/357-5587 or email her at [heffernanc@aauw.org](mailto:heffernanc@aauw.org).

# MEMBERSHIP Matters...

Does National AAUW have your current address, email and phone numbers? You can go directly to Member Services Database (MSD) or help is available by email [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org), or by phone. 800.326.2289 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–3 p.m. Your state officers use national's database of Colorado members – so we appreciate your keeping your information up to date. (The AAUW national office in the final week of March is THANKING YOU for all that you do. Keep your eyes open for a few surprises. They couldn't do it without each of you!)

## Membership Dues Collection for FY15 Begins March 16

Last year I renewed online with National. It was so easy! I was notified by email within 15 minutes and so was the branch!. Even my dual membership could be done online. Many of you can renew online. Member Services Database (MSD) and the Membership Payment Program help you do it online. Forgot your password? [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) 800 326289. 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

National dues remain \$49 for the new fiscal year. Colorado State Dues are \$10.00. Students are less. Think about bringing a new member to your April or May meeting and getting them started. National is continuing their bargain **Shape the Future Program** (half price national dues if they join at their first meeting) and new member grad student rates of \$18.81.

Do you know someone graduating from college this spring? You can give a grad a gift – national membership – free! <http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>

## New Members Can Join Directly Online

Since the January 29 release of the new join application for branch members on the Membership Payment Program (MPP), six new members found and joined the AAUW branches that participate in the MPP! Many of these branches get their websites through AAUW's Site Resources. Fourteen of our 15 branches have websites, and of those are through Site Resources. How many of those are participating in the MPP? Lovely to pick up members who are browsing national's website and can join your branch!

What does your branch have to offer our college students? We are showing 95 student affiliates at Colorado colleges and 35 Coloradoans elsewhere... Might you have special programs this spring or next fall to share with them. Get to know them.

## Meet and greet

Meet us at Convention April 25-26. Be sure to save the dates September 5-6 in Vail for our Fall Leadership Conference. We're available to current membership officers as well as new incoming ones. Let us know how we can best assist you!

### Colorado AAUW Membership Co-Chairs

**Stormy McDonald**  
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(719) 201-2425

## MAKERS: WOMEN WHO MAKE AMERICA



**PBS announced, in partnership with AOL, six new one-hour documentaries as part of the MAKERS:WOMEN WHO MAKE AMERICA initiative.** Scheduled to premiere in June and August 2014, the documentaries feature untold stories from an extensive list of groundbreaking women in America. The new series expands on the critically acclaimed three-hour PBS documentary which premiered in February 2013 and told the story of the American women's movement over the last half-century. Each of the new documentaries tackles a different sphere of influence, including business, war, space, Hollywood, politics and comedy. Each program will profile prominent women in the field. "The goal of MAKERS is to be the largest collection of women's stories ever assembled," said the founder and executive producer Dyllan McGee. "This new documentary series will show the different ways in which the women's movement made an impact across industries..."

The full line-up of documentaries follows:

**MAKERS: Women and War** looks at American women's increasing participation in war – from Vietnam to the present -as nurses, soldiers, journalists, diplomats and spies.

**MAKERS: Women and Space** traces the history of women pioneers in the US space program.

**MAKERS: Women and Comedy** tracks the rise of women in the world of comedy, from the "dangerous comedy of the 70s sitcoms like Maude to the groundbreaking women of the 1980s American comedy club boom and building to today's multifaceted landscape.

**MAKERS: Women and Business** tells the story of the exceptional women – past and present- who have taken the world of business by storm.

**MAKERS: Women and Hollywood** showcases the women of showbiz, from the earliest pioneers to present-day power players, as they influence the creation of one of the country's biggest commodities: entertainment.

**MAKERS: Women and Politics** profiles women in public office who were "firsts" in their fields.

The Makers is presented through public television and the Women and Girls Lead project. Be sure to check the TV listings and put these important programs on your calendar.



## **Gunnison**

The Gunnison Branch hosted a very successful Christmas Brunch at the home of Sherry Hall Peterson. This annual event helps support the summer reading program at the local library. In November the director of the program gave us a comprehensive report and the branch decided to continue this opportunity to help students retain their reading skills through out the summer. We are busy with our plans for the 40th Annual Art in the Park! This event features original fine art and crafts in the beautiful Gunnison valley. We encourage you to attend and to share this information with any artist you think might be interested. The show in Sunday, July 27th in the shady Legion Park. Call 970-641-4230 or email us at [aauwartinthepark@yahoo.com](mailto:aauwartinthepark@yahoo.com) to request information and a registration form.

## **Lakewood**

Lakewood has been very busy preparing to host the 2014 State Convention. The branch's March meeting featured Judy Winnick presenting the story of Irena Sendler, the "Angel of the Warsaw Ghetto". Ms. Sendler risked her life as a Polish Catholic social worker to save others. In addition to being nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007, Irena was recognized by the state of Israel as one of the "Righteous Among Nations".

## **Loveland**

The Loveland program chairs have provided us with some great programming this year. Author Preethi Burkholder has moved to Loveland and has presented on two of her books - *Ghost Towns of Colorado* and *17 Women Who Shook the World*. Loveland police officers--Two female and one male-- gave a very informative program on self protection and self defense for women. In March, we will have a program presented by last years scholarship winner, Jennifer Laymon on Rapid Changes in Technology in Intensive Care Units. Students taking this class where the teachers are trained by national leadership are finding they have an early advantage in education and career choices in the biomedical field.

## **Aurora**

Friday, February 28, Aurora Branch supported our Aurora Chamber of Commerce by sponsoring a table of ten at their luncheon to honor Women Making a Difference – Unsung Heroes. As in the past, our Branch has chosen to support this worthy cause as it speaks directly to our mission of advocacy for women and girls. All of the finalists were remarkable women who have made significant contributions to Aurora through their professional and volunteer efforts. The winning recipient was Diane Crandall who oversaw the design and implementation of the Colorado Freedom Memorial. Located at Springhill Community Park in Aurora, it was dedicated on May 26, 2013, to memorialize over 5800 fallen Colorado heroes. Our congratulations and heartfelt thanks go out to Diane for her efforts on behalf of Colorado's servicemen and women.

## **Littleton-South Metro**

The board has voted to invest \$1000 in a local STEM program being developed at Littleton High School for this fall. The board approved the donation with the requirement to review, at the end of the year, how the funds were used. The donation will be used toward funding the required 100 hours of off-campus STEM oriented experiences that are available on college campuses. Transportation costs and program fees are often prohibitive and by donating the funds at this time the school can plan more effectively as to which programs students would be able to attend. The off-campus experiences are critical to a building long term interest in STEM by the students.

## **Boulder**

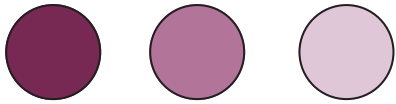
In April, Boulder branch will host two programs:

- Mark your calendars for the April 3 Start Smart salary negotiation workshop on the CU Boulder campus. (Room and time still TBD).
- April 19: Presentation by Ceal Barry entitled "Women at Work" at the Boulder Country Club  
Proceeds from this Spring Fundraising Breakfast will help fund (3) Brown/Ricketts/Udick \$1000 grants for CU graduate women. The fund was started in 1979 through a bequest from the estate of Lydia Brown. Application deadline (TBA) will be the end of March/beginning of April. See Boulder branch's web site for details. Coach Barry's title is Senior Associate AD/Internal Operations/SWA on the CU Boulder Campus and has had 22 years' experience coaching college athletics. Barry was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2006 and the University of Colorado Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

## **Colorado Springs**

International Women's Day was celebrated on March 8 in cooperation with Zonta, Soroptimist International, and the World Affairs Council. This is the fourth consecutive year that we have joined with other women's groups for this event. The theme this year was "A Promise Is a Promise: Time to End Violence Against Women". Speakers talked about gender-based violence in Darfur, efforts to help women in Ethiopia, domestic violence in the United States, and research on human trafficking. Attendance at this event has grown each year, and it is an opportunity to showcase AAUW to a younger audience.





## Zonta's Day of Film 2014:

*Honor Diaries* is the first film to break the silence on 'honor violence' against women and girls. More than a movie, *Honor Diaries* is a movement to save women and girls from human rights abuses – around the world and here in America.



**HONOR DIARIES**  
CULTURE IS NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE

Please join us at  
Zonta's Sixth Annual  
Day of Film.  
"Honor Diaries" documents  
murders and abuse committed in  
the name of honor.  
Panel discussion and brunch  
following screening

Tickets \$40

Free parking

**Saturday,  
March 22, 2014**

10:00 am

**SIE FilmCenter  
2510 East Colfax Avenue**

**For more information and  
to purchase tickets online  
go to: [www.zonta-denver.org](http://www.zonta-denver.org)**



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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**“Beyond the Wagon Train”**  
**June 6-8, 2014**  
**Reno, Nevada**

The upcoming regional convention will provide excellent opportunities to learn more about AAUW and to bring ideas back to branches in Colorado. Events of the conference include:

- a visit from the national president, Patricia Ho
- a researcher from Project New America speaking about the Western Woman-her attitudes, values, priorities, etc.
- a workshop titled Politics versus Partisen
- a program by Awaken, a sex-trafficking non-profit organization
- presentations by each state
- award ceremonies
- many others in the planning stages
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Registration forms will be available soon and will be forwarded to members. Lets put it on our calendars and journey to Nevada in June.



**Looking Ahead:**

The annual **Leadership Workshop** will be held on **September 5 and 6, at Lions Square Lodge in Vail, Colorado**. This important event will give you a chance to gather new ideas for programs, share ideas with other branch officers and plan for upcoming projects. Details will be forthcoming in the summer, but be sure to add the dates to your calendar now. All members are welcome.

Other dates to add to your calendar:

- March - Women's History Month**
- April 8 – Equal Pay Day**
- April 10-12 - State Science Fair, Fort Collins**
- April 25 and 26– State Convention, Lakewood**
- June 5 and 6 - Regional Convention, Reno, Nevada**
- June 18– 21, 2015 – National Convention, San Diego**

Continue to check the state website for updates and news. <http://aauw-co.net>